

(c) the funds likely to be raised from the disinvestment of shares during 1997-98; and

(d) the estimated loss of revenue to the Government on this account ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Increase or decrease in the amount of dividend to be paid to the Government by the PSUs depends upon the rates of dividend declared by the enterprises and the Government shareholding in these PSUs.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 4800 crores is estimated to be raised from disinvestment during 1997-98. The estimated revenue loss to the Government due to decline in dividend which the PSUs pay cannot be quantified as it depends on a number of variable factors.

Quality Based Pricing for Silk Cocoons

6591. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Silk Board has directed the Karnataka Government to adopt quality based pricing for the silk cocoons in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government of Karnataka thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) The Central Silk Board (CSB) has suggested to the Department of Sericulture, Government of Karnataka that quality based pricing of cocoons in markets should be tried.

(b) In the meeting of National Sericulture Project (NSP) Review Committee convened in January 1995, the CSB requested the Directorates of Sericulture in the traditional silk producing States including Karnataka to introduce systems in the cocoon markets to correlate cocoon prices and cocoon quality so that reelers perceive quality in measurable terms.

(c) The Government of Karnataka has established regulated markets where the reeling cocoons are transacted by open auction. Besides the Department of Sericulture in Karnataka has adopted and implemented in select cocoon markets from August 1995, a procedure of quality assessment involving determination of shell percentage & assessment of renditta and display of these details on a particular lot of cocoons.

Renewable Electrification

6592. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE :

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have selected some model villages in the country for the development of solar-wind diesel hybrid system for renewable electrification;

(b) if so, the number of model villages identified for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether any such model villages have been identified in Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the scheme of the Government in this directions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

(e) As per the existing policy, specific project proposals are formulated by the States in accordance with the general guidelines issued by the Government from time to time. Such proposals, when received, are examined on merit for possible financial support by the Central Government.

In addition, under a separate scheme, implemented by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), the commercial financing company of the Ministry, a soft loan scheme for the purchase and installation of hybrid systems, including solar-wind-diesel based systems, has been recently announced.

Jute Mills

6593. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any more Jute Mills in Bihar;

(b) if so, the proposed locations of the new mills; and

(c) the time by when these mills are likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Textiles Mills in Uttar Pradesh

6594. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the employment generating capacity of 11 NTC and 4 BIC Textiles Mills situated in Uttar Pradesh prior to Voluntary Retirement Scheme (1991-92) and thereafter separately;

(b) the number of employees of 11 textiles Mills TAPCO and Vegetable Oil Corporation in Kanpur rendered jobless; and

(c) the number of employment opportunities generated in Uttar Pradesh with the assistance of National Renewal Fund and the number of persons who have been provided employment and made self employed and the details of amount spent thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Promotion of Handicrafts

6595. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received from Orissa Govt. for promotion of handicrafts in the State during the last three years and the action taken by the Govt. thereof; and

(b) the number of such proposals still pending or under consideration of the Govt. on the date ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) and (b) No proposal has been received from Orissa Govt. for the promotion of handicrafts in the State during the last three years. However, 34 proposals have been received from Orissa State Cooperative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar, out of which 27 proposals were approved and an amount of Rs. 117.13 lakhs have been sanctioned. Seven proposals are pending with the Government.

[Translation]

Pending Writ Petitions

6596. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

SHRI CHATTAR SINGH DARBAR :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of writ petitions lying pending in the Supreme Court and High Courts of the country at present, Court-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for speedy disposal of these writ petitions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) The available information is given in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c) Apart from amending the procedural laws from time to time, Government has taken a series of steps to simplify procedures and speed up disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies like the Law Commission. Conference of Law Ministers, Chief Ministers and Chief Justices and other concerned with the administration of Justice are held periodically and the recommendations and conclusions emerging from such exchanges and consultations are implemented and their progress closely monitored.

Statement

Number of Writ Petitions pending in Supreme Court and High Courts

Name of the Court	No. of pending writ Petitions
1	2
Supreme Court (As on 1.11.96)	1089
High Courts (As on 31.12.96)	
1. Allahabad	384155
2. Andhra Pradesh	70202
3. Bombay	9784
4. Calcutta	12074